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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I'm going to be brief. The individuals who were named by the Clerk in the resolution could each be extolled at some length. That wasn't the reason that I thought it would be more than acceptable to all of you to put up the resolution, because they will all be honored and feted at the statehood banquet on Saturday night. But I personally did not want to let the moment go without just remembering briefly how much...what an honor and privilege it was to serve with Senator LaVon Crosby in this body. I have very personal and emotional remembrances of Senator Crosby and her husband, Governor Bob, and so I'm not...I'm not here to salute all the things we could salute but simply to utilize the opportunity and to afford any of you who want the opportunity for any reason covered by the resolution. I'm here to simply say, LaVon, we love you. You're very special. We thank you. We thank you for teaching us grace, tone, class, and service.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there are not many people during my time as a senator who have had a profound impact on me while here and after they had left. Senator LaVon Crosby is one of those people. We got along, in the way some people would describe it, as thick as thieves. Obviously, on a particular issue we did not see eye to eye, but there was not acrimony, there was not bitterness. We had and maintained a mutual respect throughout. The only problem I find with this resolution is that it includes others than Senator Crosby. She is what, in Latin, would be described as "sui generis"--one of a kind, a unique individual--and as such, if I had my way, which I don't, she would be held up alone. So there is reflected glory from Senator Crosby which will wash over these other people in the resolution, people who I'm sure deserve every word of praise that is directed toward them in the resolution. But when there is somebody that you're partial to--Senator Cudaback, we used to say somebody you've taken a shine to, the way old folks would express it, meaning you deeply care about a person--Senator Crosby would be that individual.